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SUBJ: THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE ON RAW MATERIALS: PRG/GRUNK ISSUE
& RUBBER BUFFER STOCK PROPOSAL

1. SUMMARY: MFA OFFICIAL REPORTS THAT GRUNK DELEGATE WAS ELECTED ONE OF ASIAN VICE PRESIDENT AT THIRD WORLD RAW MATERIALS CONFERENCE IN DAKAR, FEB 6-9, DESPITE RESISTANCE BY MALAYSIA INDONESIA AND PHILIPPINES. GOM POSITION ON FINANCING RUBBER BUFFER STOCK. END SUMMARY.

2. AT LUNCH FEB 21, MFA PRINCIPAL ASST SECRETARY FOR UN AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS JOHN LOOI TOLD EMBOFFS THAT MALAYSIA,
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INDONESIA AND PHILIPPINES HAD RESISTED ELECTION OF GRUNK DELE-

GATE AS ONE OF FOUR ASIAN VICE PRESIDENTS OF DAKAR RAW MATERIALS CONFERENCE (OTHERS WERE MALAYSIA, SRI LANKA AND PAKISTAN). INITIALLY, BOTH PRG AND GRUNK DELEGATES HAD NOMINATED THEMSELVES TO BE VICE PRESIDENTS. AFTER SOME CLOAK ROOM CONSULTATIONS, DURING WHICH THREE ASEAN COUNTRIES MADE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS, PRG WITHDREW BUT IN FAVOR OF GRUNK DELEGATE WHO WOULD NOT BUDGE. ALGERIA AND OTHER MILITANT NON-ALIGNEDS, LOOI SAID, LOBBIED STRONGLY FOR SIHANOUK REP AND SINCE APPOINTMENT AS VP WAS BY CONSENSUS IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THREE ASEANS TO ALTER OUTCOME. LOOI POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IN HIS SPEECH TO MEETING INDONESIAN DELEGATE SAID THAT GOI, GOM, AND GOP ACCEPTED LON NOL GOVT AS LEGITIMATE GOVT OF CAMBODIA AND AT END OF CONFERENCE ALL THREE SUBMITTED WRITTEN RESERVATION TO CHAIRMAN TO BE INCLUDED IN "THE RECORD". THIS RESERVATION PARALLELED ONE SUBMITTED BY INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA AT 1973 ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN THAT IT APPLIED TO ALL ACTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE INCLUDING "DAKAR DECLARATION" IN WHICH NATIONAL POLICIES OF THREE WERE CONTRAVENED.

3. LOOI SAID THAT GOM DELEGATION LED BY PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MINISTER DATUK MUSA HITAM OF WHICH HE WAS A PART WAS CHARGED MAINLY WITH OBTAINING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM OIL PRODUCERS FOR MALAYSIA'S PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL FUND TO STABILIZE RUBBER PRICES. (KL PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT OIL PRODUCERS DECLINED TO SUPPORT PHILIPPINE PROPOSAL FOR SIX BILLION US DOLLAR FUND TO SUPPORT RAW MATERIALS MARKETS OF DC'S UNTIL MATTER COULD BE DISCUSSED IN OPEC MEETING NEXT MONTH. ACCORDING TO KL NEW STRAITS TIMES PHILIPPINE PROPOSAL REPORTEDLY WAS SUPPORTED BY "ENTIRE ASIAN GROUP AND SEVERAL AFRICAN STATES" BUT IT NOT CLEAR HERE WHETHER THIS INCLUDED GRUNK OR PRG.)

4. COMMENT. WHILE GOM DEL OBJECTIVE AT DAKAR MAY WELL HAVE BEEN (AND COULD STILL BE) TO OBTAIN OIL PRODUCERS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL RUBBER BUFFER STOCK, MUSA HITAM IN FEBRUARY 20 SPEECH TO FIFTH INT'L SYMPOSIUM ON ENERGY, RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT, STATED THAT GOOD POSSIBLE SOURCE FOR FINANCING UNCTAD PROPOSAL ON COMMODITIES, INCLUDING OFFICIAL USE

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ING RUBBER, IS IMF WHICH ALREADY PARTICIPATING IN-DIRECTLY IN FINANCING THE BUFFER STOCK. HITAL ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IMF WOULD SOON AMEND ARTICLES TO PERMIT DIRECT FINANCING OF BUFFER STOCKS. UNDERHILL

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